

AN ORDINANCE 101389

**AMENDING FEES AND ESTABLISHING NEW FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES RELATED TO VACCINATIONS, SURRENDERING OF ANIMALS AND EUTHANIZATION, RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES FUND; AND AMENDING THE CORRESPONDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.**

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**WHEREAS**, Animal Care Services seeks to manage the kennel population in a more cost effective manner, thereby reducing overcrowding, high euthanasia numbers and incident of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Care Services seeks to build more partnerships with outside organizations to provide more adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**, owner surrendered animals make up over 30% of the animals impounded at the Animal Care Service Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, during the breeding season, Animal Care Services receives large numbers of puppies and kittens which cannot be adopted due to illness, age, or lack of space; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Care Services is now euthanizing animals by injection exclusively; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Care Services provides certain services to unincorporated Bexar County and other governmental entities which bring their animals for disposition to Animal Care Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel and other related costs to provide said surrendering services, vaccinations, and euthanization have increased and it is necessary to establish new fees and revise the existing fees for these activities; **NOW THEREFORE**;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Animal transfer organizations approved by Animal Care Services will be assessed a rabies vaccination fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl, Article VI., Animal Nuisances, **Section 5-209 (b), Charges for reclaiming, adopting impounded animals; liability of claimant**, of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 5-209. Charges for reclaiming, adopting impounded animals; liability of claimant.**

- (b) No animal shall be released from the animal care facility without the owner presenting proof that the animal has had a rabies vaccination in compliance with the requirements of state law. An owner of any dog or cat who cannot provide proof of said rabies vaccination shall be subject to a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for rabies vaccination of each dog or cat. Animal transfer organizations approved by Animal Care Services will be assessed a rabies vaccination fee of five dollars (\$5.00). An owner of any domestic ferret who cannot provide proof of said rabies vaccination shall be subject to a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for rabies vaccination of each domestic ferret. In addition, if an animal is unlicensed the owner shall pay the license fee as outlined in section 5-160 and no animal shall be released without obtaining said animal license.

**SECTION 3.** The animal surrender fee for surrendering animals from their homes is hereby established to be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The animal surrender fee for a litter of puppies or a litter of kittens is hereby established to be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A euthanization fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is hereby established. The euthanization fee for jurisdictions outside the incorporated limits of the City of San Antonio is hereby increased to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

**SECTION 4.** Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl, Article VI., Animal Nuisances, **Section 5-209 (e), Charges for reclaiming, adopting impounded animals; liability of claimant**, of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 5-209. Charges for reclaiming, adopting impounded animals; liability of claimant.**

(e) The city animal control facility is authorized to accept animals for humane disposition from individuals who reside in the City of San Antonio or in other municipalities or in unincorporated areas of Bexar County. The city animal control facility is authorized to accept animals for humane disposition from Bexar County for animals in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County as long as the city and county maintain a joint animal control program by contractual agreement. The city animal control facility is authorized to accept animals for humane disposition from other municipalities in Bexar County as long as the city and the other municipality in Bexar County maintain a joint animal control program by contractual agreement. The following animal disposition fees shall be charged:

- (1) A non-resident animal service fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged per animal.
- (2) A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged for animal pickup of owner surrendered animals.
- (3) A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged per litter of kittens or litter of puppies turned in to Animal Care Services.
- (4) A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged for each animal that is turned in for euthanasia by an owner.

**SECTION 5.** The financial allocations in this ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocation to specific fund numbers, fund centers, cost centers, internal order numbers, and account numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall be effective on October 1, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

ATTEST:

Leticia J. Vack  
City Clerk

Phil Hardberger  
MAYOR

PHIL HARDBERGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Elizabeth H. H. H.  
City Attorney

# Agenda Voting Results

**Name:** 4D. - 4T

**Date:** 09/15/05

**Time:** 02:45:59 PM

**Vote Type:** Multiple selection

**Description:** An Ordinance amending fees and establishing new fees associated with Animal Care Services related to vaccinations, surrendering of animals and euthanization, resulting in additional funds to the Animal Care Services Fund; and amending the corresponding sections of the City Code to reflect such changes

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1		x		
SHEILA D. MCNEIL	DISTRICT 2		x		
ROLAND GUTIERREZ	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
DELICIA HERRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
ELENA K. GUAJARDO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
KEVIN A. WOLFF	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR PHIL HARDBERGER	MAYOR		x		